

CLAIMS

1. A floor covering comprising:

a first region comprising a first material having an image; and

at least one second region comprising a second material having at least some information related to the image on the first region.

2. The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.

3. The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the first region includes a void and the second region is positioned in the void.

4. The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the first region is mounted on a backing.

5. The floor covering as recited in claim 4, wherein the second region is mounted on the backing.

6. The floor covering as recited in claim 5, wherein the second region is mounted on the backing by means of an adhesive or stitching.

7. The floor covering as recited in claim 2, wherein the at least some information is textual.

8. The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the first region and the second region are mounted on a common backing.

9. The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the floor covering is one of a carpet, area carpet, broadloom carpet, rug, area rug, and mat.

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10. A method of fabricating a floor covering, comprising:

providing a first region comprising a first material having an image; and

providing at least one second region comprising a second material having at least some information related to the image on the first region.

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11. The method as recited in claim 10, wherein the first material is provided in the form of fibers.

12. The method as recited in claim 10, wherein providing at least one second region is practiced by creating a void in the first region and mounting the second region in the void.

13. The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the first region is provided by tufting fibers to a substrate.

14. The method as recited in claim 11, wherein the second material is one of a textile and non-textile material.

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15. A method of fabricating a floor covering, comprising:
providing a substrate;
attaching a first material to the substrate to produce a region of first material;
providing an image on the region of first material;
providing at least one void in the region having little or no material;
providing a second material having at least some information related to the image;
and
mounting the at least one second material in the at least one void.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein the first material is in the form of fibers.

17. The method as recited in claim 15 wherein the second material is one of a textile and a non-textile material.

18. The method as recited in claim 15 wherein providing a void in the region is practiced by removing material from the substrate.

19. The method as recited in claim 18, wherein removing fibers is practiced by cutting or shaving.

20. A tufted carpet comprising:

a substrate onto which fibers are tufted;

a first region of tufted fibers mounted to the substrate, the first region having an image;

a second region having little or no tufted fibers; and

a textile material providing at least some information related to the image mounted in the second region.

21. The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the textile material is a woven or non-woven material.

22. The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the at least some information related to the image is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical information.

23. The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the at least some information related to the image is textual information.

24. The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the at least some information provided by the textile material is provided by needlework.

25. The tufted carpet as recited in claim 24, wherein the needlework is embroidery or cross-stitch.

26. An article of manufacture comprising:

a first region comprising a first material having an image; and

at least one second region comprising a second material providing at least some information relating to the image on the first region.

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27. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.

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28. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the article is one of a floor covering; a wall hanging; a wall covering; a furniture covering; bedding; apparel; a table cloth; a napkin; a towel; and wash cloth.

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29. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the first material is one of a tufted material, a woven material, and a non-woven material.

30. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the second textile material is one of a woven material and non-woven material.

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31. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 27, wherein the information is provided as needlework.

32. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 31, wherein the needlework is one of embroidery, cross-stitch, and crocheting.

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33. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the image is an image of one of geometrical designs, graphic designs, photographs, images of articles,

images of fashions, plants, animals, people, events, landscapes, landmarks, scenes of nature, concepts, ideas, scientific concepts and principles, literary works, works of art, historic scenes, signs of the zodiac, brands, trademarks, trade dress, insignias, tartans, genealogical symbols, images of heraldry, and coats of arms.

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34. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the first region includes a perimeter and the at least one second region is positioned within the perimeter.

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35. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the at least one second region is a plurality of second regions.

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36. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the second material is different from the first material.

37. A method of providing an article of manufacture, the method comprising:
providing a first region of the article having an image; and

providing a second region of the article containing at least some information
concerning the image.

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38. The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the at least some information is
textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.

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39. The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the article is one of a floor
covering; a wall hanging; a wall covering; a furniture covering; bedding; apparel; a table
cloth; a napkin; a towel; and wash cloth.

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40. The method as recited in claim 38, wherein the at least some information is
textual.

41. The method as recited in claim 37, further comprising providing a substrate
for mounting the first region.

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42. The method as recited in claim 41, wherein providing a first region of the
article is practiced by tufting fibers to the substrate.

43. The method as recited in claim 37, wherein the second region is provided
by removing at least some of the first region to produce a void in the first region and
mounting a textile having at least some information related to the image in the void.

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44. The method as recited in claim 43, further comprising providing the at least

some information to the textile material by means of needlework.

45. An article of manufacture comprising:

a first region comprising a first material having an image, the first region having a perimeter and at least one void within the perimeter; and

at least one second region positioned within the void comprising a second material containing at least some information related to the image.

46. The article as recited in claim 45, wherein the at least some information is textual, numerical, symbolic, or graphical.

47. The article as recited in claim 46, wherein the at least some information is textual.

48. The article as recited in claim 45, wherein at least one second region is a plurality of second regions.

49. The article as recited in claim 46, wherein the first material is a woven or non-woven material.

50. The article as recited in claim 46, further comprising a backing.

51. The floor covering as recited in claim 1, wherein the image and the at least some information are provided on the same side of the floor covering.

52. The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, wherein the image and the at least some information are provided on the same side of the tufted carpet.

5 53. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, wherein the image and the at least some information are provided on the same side of the article.

54. The floor covering as recited in claim 1, further comprising a pocket.

55. The tufted carpet as recited in claim 20, further comprising a pocket.

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56. The article of manufacture as recited in claim 26, further comprising a pocket.